

I. AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Claims 1-4; 6-14; and 16-20 (previously withdrawn).

Claims 5 and 15 are currently pending. Please amend claim 5 to recite:

5. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing phosphate re-absorption in a subject in need thereof comprising delivering to the subject an effective amount of a mammalian frizzled-related protein-4 ("FRP-4 protein").

15. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the frizzled-related protein-4 ("FRP-4 protein") protein has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.